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ITEM 67; DUTCH VIEWS

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1. SUMMARY: HAVING BLOODIED THEIR COLLEAGUES IN THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY BY REFUSING TO ACCEPT A COMMON POSITION ON AN OVERVIEW
MECHANISM FOR THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, THE DUTCH REMAIN DETER-
MINED TO PURSUE AGREEMENT ON THE ITEM THEIR EUROPEAN PARTNERS
REJECT, NAMELY A LIST OF THE NORTH-SOUTH ITEMS TO BE NEGOTIATED
IN THE UN (ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY ALL THE ONES DESIRED BY G-77)
AS WELL AS THE TIME FRAMES IN WHICH THEY ARE TO BE NEGOTIATED.

IN ADDITION, THEY MAY PURSUE A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE G-77 AND U.S. PROPOSALS FOR THE STRUCTURE OF THE OVERVIEW. END SUMMARY.

2. WE CALLED NOVEMBER 30 ON G. RINGNALDA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTORATE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, TO LEARN WHAT HAD HAPPENED DURING THE MEETING RINGNALDA ATTENDED IN BRUSSELS NOVEMBER 29 OF THE DENIS AD HOC WORKING GROUP.

3. RINGNALDA SAID THAT THE NETHERLANDS HAD ANGERED THE OTHER EIGHT COMMUNITY MEMBERS BY NOT PERMITTING THE EC TO ADOPT A COMMON POSITION ON THE NORTH-SOUTH OVERVIEW MECHANISM. HE SAID THE NETHERLANDS BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT GROUP B HAS AN OBLIGATION TO SAY WHAT SUBJECTS WILL BE NEGOTIATED AND IN WHAT PERIOD OF TIME, ESPECIALLY ON THOSE ISSUES WHERE THERE HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT ON A FORUM FOR CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS. HE THOUGHT THAT OPPOSITION TO A LIST REFLECTED A DESIRE TO POSTPONE HAVING TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS.

4. HE NOTED, ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT THE NETHERLANDS HAD PLENTY OF COMPANY IN NOT WANTING TO CO-SPONSOR THE U.S. RESOLUTION.

5. ON THE STRUCTURE FOR THE OVERVIEW MECHANISM, RINGNALDA EXPLAINED WHY THE NETHERLANDS HAD BACKED AWAY FROM THE IDEA OF USING ECOSOC AFTER FIRST SUPPORTING IT. HE SAID THAT, IN ITS SOUNDING OF G-77 OPINIONS, THE NETHERLANDS HAD ENCOUNTERED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STIFF OPPOSITION TO ECOSOC ON GROUNDS OF ITS LIMITED MEMBERSHIP AND OF G-77'S NOT WANTING ECOSOC TO OVERVIEW UNCTAD. (THE NETHERLANDS AGREED ON THIS LATTER POINT BECAUSE GROUP B WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO HAVE ECOSOC OVERVIEW GATT AND THE WORLD BANK.) RINGNALDA SAID THAT, IF GROUP B STICKS TO ECOSOC IN SPITE OF G-77 OPPOSITION, THE NETHERLANDS BELIEVES IT WILL BE A SIGNAL TO G-77 THAT GROUP B DOES NOT WANT NEGOTIATIONS. RINGNALDA SAID THAT THE NETHERLANDS DOES NOT WANT TO CONVEY THIS MESSAGE.

6. AS A COMPROMISE, THE NETHERLANDS MAY PURSUE THE IDEA OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORTING TO UNGA THROUGH ECOSOC. MEMBERS OF G-77 HAVE TOLD THE NETHERLANDS THEY DISAPPROVED SUCH A MECHANISM BECAUSE IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR A BIG BODY TO GO THROUGH A SMALL ONE TO REPORT TO A BIGGER ONE. NEVERTHELESS THE NETHERLANDS THINKS THE IDEA MAY STILL PROVE WORKABLE.

7. COMMENT: NORMALLY REASONABLE AND RESPONSIVE TO U.S. PROPOSALS, RINGNALDA SHOWS BULLDOG DETERMINATION ON THIS ISSUE. WE BELIEVE HIS ATTITUDE COMPLETELY REFLECTS THIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS. MOREOVER, ACCORDING TO RINGNALDA, THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE DUTCH POSITION SHOULD A CENTER-RIGHT CABINET EMERGE FROM THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS IN THE HAGUE.

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